women who require treatment for any complications if necessary, to pre-identified referral centres. Instructions have been issued to all State Governments to facilitate the voluntary doctors by providing them with free Vande Mataram Boards for their clinics, create awareness in the community about the scheme and about the voluntary doctors and also to provide Iron Folic Acid Tablet, Injection Tetanus Toxide, condoms and oral pills etc. for free distribution to the patients who attend the clinics of these doctors on the 9th of every month. These items are to be provided by the District Administrations from out of the funds and drugs available with them under the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme. No separate funds have therefore been earmarked for this scheme. As per information made available by FOGSI, 1653 volunteer doctors are providing services under the scheme.

Safety of Baby Care Products by Johnson & Johnson

3955. SHRIMATI KAMALA MANHAR:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a large number of complaints against Johnson and Johnson (J & J) for using harmful chemicals in baby products; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken against J and J for using harmful chemicals in their baby products including powder?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Commissioner, FDA, Maharashtra issued a show cause notice to M/s Jhonson and Jhonson on 15.3.2005 asking their explanation for marketing their various cosmetic products as 'baby products'. The Commissioner, FDA, Maharashtra, who had licensed these products, has taken a view that the firm's claim that their baby oil is the ideal massage oil for babies is not justified for a cosmetic product and is therefore misbranded under Section 17-C of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

The ingredients used by M/s Jhonson & Jhonson in their baby oil *i.e.*, liquid paraffin, Tocopheryl acetate (Vit. E), ready mixture of Vitamin A&D

and perfume are used world over in the manufacture of various cosmetic products as well as pharmaceuticals. The standards for cosmetics and the raw material used in finished cosmetics are prescribed by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

Skin powder for infants is covered under Schedule S to the Drug & Cosmetics Rules and is required to confirm to the standards laid down by Bureau of Indian Standards for the purpose.

There are no reports of the baby powder of M/s Jhonson and Jhonson declared as not conforming to the standards specified under the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules.

Rude Behaviour of Para-Medical Staff in Safdarjung Hospital

3956. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a routine transfer of para-medical staff-posted at various dispensaries;

(b) the reasons that transfer policy is not being applied in case of para-medical staff posted at CGHS wings of Safdarjung Hospital; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when the staff of said dispensary is likely to be posted in order to save the beneficiaries from their rude behaviour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The CGHS Dte. have not received any complaint regarding rude behaviour of the staff posted at the CGHS Wing, Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi.

Posting and transfer of paramedical staff working in various CGHS dispensaries/hospitals is reviewed from time to time as per the prescribed transfer policy and requests received from individual CGHS employees subject to administrative convenience. However, the paramedical staff at times is allowed to overstay at the CGHS Wing of Safdarjung Hospital due to administrative exigencies.